1		2	3	4
June		30.0	26.5*	23.8
July		40.0	24.0	16.6
August		40.0	24.0	19.9
September		40.0	24.0	13.7
October		40.0	24.0	9.9
November		40.0	40.0	9.7
December		25.0	24.0	10.7
	Total	399.0	312.5	176.6

* Includes 2,500 tonnes for cyclone relief.

Land Tribunals

498. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Land Tribunals for varifying and correcting land records through spot visits, in respect of land allotted to scheduled caste people; and

(b) whether any directives are being issued to the Chief Minister to set up such tribunals in their respective States and whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to ensure scrutiny or land holdings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) Prime Minister has recently addressed a letter to the Chief Minister of the State Governments and UTs suggesting that Land Tribunals be set up consisting of revenue officials and non-official representatives drawn mainly from SCs, STs and other landless poor to deal with all matters relating to land and its distribution to the poor.

Land is a State subject and it is for the State Governments to enact necessary legislation for this purpose.

Central draft on land reforms to states

499. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have recently circulated the draft on land reform measures to State Governments;

(b) if so, the main features of the draft; and

(c) what is the reaction of State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) The Central Government recently circulated agenda notes containing proposals for changes in agrarian laws for effective implementation of land reforms and for prevention of alienation of tribal land to the State Government for the Chief Ministers Conference held on 11-12 June, 1990.

(b) The proposals, among others, included measures for elimination of absentee landowner/ship, recording of concealed tenancies, plugging of loopholes in ceiling laws, strengthening legal provisions for protection of tribal land against alienation, etc.

(c) The consensus in the Chief Ministers Conference was not to undertake further

changes in agrarian laws but to implement existing laws more effectively.

Supply of some additional items through PDS.

500. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bring some more items of daily use under Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the names of those items and by when a final decision would be taken in this regard;

(c) the number of fair price shops in the country at present, state-wise;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the functioning of these fair price shops and if not, the steps being taken to improve their functioning; and

(e) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government have asked for any financial and other help from the Central Government to further improve the functioning of these shops and if so, whether any help has been given to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The Central Govt, has advised States and UTs from time to time to consider inclusion of more items of mass consumption like pulses, tea, soap, salt, matches etc. for distribution by using the PDS outlets.

(c) A statement indicating the Statewise break up of fair price shops in the country as on 31.3.1990 is annexed. (See below)

(d) Implementation of the PDS is primarily the responsibility of the State/ UTs. They have been advised from time to time to take necessary measures to ensure proper functioning of the fair price shops. By and large the system is functioning satisfactorily.

(e) Financial assistance has been provided to H.P. Govt, under the scheme for purchase of vans (for mobile outlets). A total assistance of Rs. 45 lakhs has been given during the period 1987-88 to 1989-90. There is no scheme for providing funds to States/UTs for direct assistance of fair price shops.

Statement

State-wise number of Fair Price Shops in the country on 31.3.1990

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Fair Price Shops
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	35487
2.	Arunachal Pradesh*	547
3.	Assam**	24175
4.	Bihar®	39627
5.	Gujarat	12153
6.	Goa	553
7.	Haryana	6508
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3178
9.	Jammu & Kashmir**	2578
10.	Karnataka	16696
11.	Kerala	12979
12.	Madhya Pradesh	23005
13.	Maharashtra	34281
14.	Manipur**	1652
15.	Meghalaya	3110
16.	Mizoram** •	762
17.	Nagaland	318
18.	Orissa	21164
19.	Punjab	10769
20.	Rajasthan%	14199
21.	Sikkim	1221
22.	Tamil Nadu	21134
23.	Tripura*	1140
24.	Uttar Pradesh	47843
25.	West Bengal	19933
26.	A. & N- Islands	274
27.	Chandigarh	306
28.	D&N Haveli*	57
29.	Delhi	3553